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January 15, 2004

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Honorable Mayor John Marks  
City of Tallahassee  
300 South Adams Street  
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Dear Mayor Marks:

As you may be aware, at our January 13, 2004 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners again discussed the City's proposed Overhead Eastern Transmission Line (ETL) project. Concerns were again raised by the Board and citizens representing neighborhoods along Mahan Drive regarding the City's proposed route for the ETL.

As you are aware by correspondence dated November 20, 2003 and December 1, 2003, attached for your ease of consideration, the Board has requested to be more involved in this important decision and had proposed a joint meeting with the City Commission to gain understanding and voice the concerns being expressed by the neighborhoods that will be potentially affected by the transmission line.

The Board is again requesting a joint meeting with the City Commission to obtain information regarding the City's decision to run the transmission line down Weems Road/ Mahan Drive and to discuss the feasibility of alternative routes. We are suggesting a joint workshop on January 27, 2004 at 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commission Chambers.

In light of the fact that our commissions had not yet met on this issue, the Board took the following action during their January 13, 2004 meeting:

- 1) Object to the City's siting of the Eastern Transmission Line (ETL), and direct the County Attorney to set a meeting with the City Attorney to discuss options and alternatives; and
- 2) Object to the City's siting of the ETL via participation in the application proceedings, pursuant to Sections 403.526 and 403.527, Florida Statutes, and direct the County Attorney to formulate strategies related thereto; and

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- 3) Contact the Florida Department of Transportation to object to the renewal of the right of way permit.

The Board appreciates the difficult decision before the City Commission, however we look forward to a thoughtful discussion of the above concerns and issues during the proposed January 27, 2004 joint workshop. I look forward to hearing from you regarding your Commission's willingness to attend.

Sincerely,



Jane G. Sauls  
Chairman

**Attachments**

cc: Leon County Commission  
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Parwez Alam, County Administrator  
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